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THANK YOU

to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

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CATTLE PRICES UP FROM LAST YEAR

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during July was 133 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was up 4 points (3 percent) from June and up 16 points (14 percent) from July 2009. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **All Livestock Index**, at July was 133, up 7 points (6 percent) from last month and up 34 points (34 percent) from July 2009. August prices for cows were down compared to last month while all other cattle prices were up. Compared to last year, all cattle prices were up. Cow prices averaged \$58.40 per hundredweight, down \$1.40 cents from July but up \$13.40 from last year. Steer and heifer prices, at \$110.00 per hundredweight, were up \$3.00 from July and up \$19.00 from last year's price. Calf prices averaged \$136.00 per hundredweight, up

\$8.00 from last month and up \$22.00 from last year. Sheep prices came in at \$49.50 per hundredweight for the month of July. Lamb prices averaged \$124.00 per hundredweight for the month of July.

The **All Crops Index**, at 133, was down 6 points (4 percent) from June and down 35 points (21 percent) from last July. August alfalfa hay prices held steady compared to last month while other hay prices were up. All hay prices were down compared to last year. Alfalfa hay, unchanged from last month but down \$23.00 from last year, came in at \$89.00 per ton. Other hay, at \$85.00 per ton, was up \$5.00 from last month but down \$20.00 from last year.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 145 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 3 points (2.1 percent) from July. The Crop Index is up 5 points (3.3 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher prices for wheat, corn, milk, and cattle and lower prices for broilers, lettuce, onions, and cantaloups. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of cattle, grapes, sweet corn, and potatoes offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, strawberries, and milk.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 19 points (15 percent) from August 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 145, increased 3 points (2.1 percent) from last month and increased 21 points (17 percent) from August 2009.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, AUGUST 2009, JULY 2010, AND AUGUST 15, 2010 U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		AUG 2009	JUL 2010	AUG 15 2010	AUG 2009	JUL 2010	AUG 15 2010	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	45.00	59.80	58.40	45.50	59.00	58.20	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	91.00	107.00	110.00	85.10	95.90	97.70	—
Calves	100#	114.00	128.00	136.00	108.00	120.00	120.00	34
Sheep	100#	30.50	49.50	3/	31.30	43.80	1/	—
Lambs	100#	102.00	124.00	3/	97.10	123.00	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2/	2/	3/	3.33	3.49	3.65	40
Oats	Bu.	2/	2/	3/	1.86	2.10	2.07	35
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.49	2.50	2.71	—
Winter Wheat	Bu.	2/	2/	3/	4.67	4.47	5.60	—
Dry Beans	100#	2/	2/	3/	32.00	25.90	27.50	39
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	112.00	89.00	89.00	109.00	117.00	116.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	105.00	80.00	85.00	94.40	97.30	96.10	—

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.

1990-92 = 100	WYOMING 4/			UNITED STATES		
	JUL 2009	JUN 2010	JUL 2010	AUG 2009	JUL 2010	AUG 15 2010
All Commodities	117	129	133	126	142	145
All Crops	168	139	133	146	150	155
All Livestock and Products	99	126	133	109	132	133

1/ Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. 2/ Insufficient sales

3/ Mid-month price discontinued July 2010. 4/ Mid-month Wyoming price index discontinued July 2010.

NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

EXPECTED SUGARBEET PRODUCTION UP 21 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

An updated forecast, based on September 1 estimates, indicates Wyoming sugarbeet production will be much higher than last year. The sugarbeet production forecast is 21 percent above last year. According to the Crop Weather report for Wyoming ending September 4, 2010, the sugarbeet condition was rated 91 percent good or better.

Wyoming sugarbeet producers intended to harvest 30,300 acres, up 4,700 acres from last year. The average yield is expected to be 27.0 tons per acre, down 1.5 tons from the August 1 forecast and 0.5 tons more than the 2009 yield. Total production is expected to be 818,000 tons, 21 percent above 2009.

The following forecasts were carried forward from August 1 forecasts. **Barley** production is expected to total 5.16 million bushels, down 23 percent from last year's production and down 25 percent from 2008. **Dry bean** production in 2010 is forecast at 1,034,000 hundredweight. The August 1 forecast for **alfalfa and alfalfa hay mixtures** is 1.61 million tons, down 7 percent from last year's crop but up 5 percent from the 2008 harvest. Yields are expected to average 2.4 tons per acre, down from 2.5 tons per acre last year. Production of **all other hay**, at 784,000 tons, is down 3 percent from last year but up 12 percent from 2008. Acreage expected to be harvested is estimated at 560,000, down 20,000 acres from 2009. Forecasted yield, at 1.4 tons per acre, is equal to that harvested in 2009 and 2008.

UNITED STATES: Corn production is forecast at a record 13.2 billion bushels, down 2 percent from the August forecast, but up from the previous record of 13.1 billion bushels set in 2009. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 162.5 bushels per acre, down 2.5 bushels from the previous month and 2.2 bushels below last year's record of 164.7 bushels. Forecasted yields decreased from last month throughout much of the Corn Belt, Tennessee Valley, and Delta. Yields were up from August in the lower portions of the Southeast.

Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2010 crop year is forecast at 33.1 million tons, up 2 percent from the August 1 forecast and 12 percent above 2009. Producers expect to harvest 1.14 million acres, down 2,500 acres from the August 1 forecast and down 5,100 acres from 2009. Expected yield is forecast at 28.9 tons per acre, an increase of 0.6 ton from the previous forecast and 3.2 tons from last year. If realized, this will be a record high yield for the United States. Record high yields are also expected in Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million head on September 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above September 1, 2009.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.27 million, 7 percent above 2009. Net placements were 2.22 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 495,000, 600-699 pounds were 395,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 815,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.92 million, 7 percent above 2009.

Other disappearance totaled 47,000 during August, 16 percent below 2009.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, SEPTEMBER, 2008-2009 1/

State	On Feed Aug 1, 2010	Place- ments Aug 2010	Market- ings Aug 2010	Other Disapp. Aug 2010	On Feed Sep 1, 2010	On Feed Sep 1, 2009
Thousand Head						
CO	890	190	185	5	890	860
KS	2,040	610	440	10	2,200	2,050
NE	1,960	480	380	10	2,050	2,020
TX	2,520	540	500	10	2,550	2,530
Oth Sts.	2,463	450	418	12	2,483	2,440
U.S.	9,873	2,270	1,923	47	10,173	9,900

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION ALL HIRED AG WORKER'S WAGE RATE UP

The number of hired farm and ranch workers in the tri-state region during the week July 11-17, 2010 was down 2,000 (7 percent) from a year ago, according to Nancy Hussey with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. During this period, 27,000 hired workers were working on farms and ranches in the Northern Rocky Mountain Region which includes **Wyoming**, Montana, and Idaho. The total excludes agricultural service workers. Of the 27,000 hired workers, 19,000 were expected to work for 150 days or more and 8,000 were expected to work 149 days or less, compared with 22,000 and 7,000 last year. The number of hired workers during the previous survey week April 11-17, 2010 was 25,000.

The average wage rate for all hired workers in the tri-state labor force during the survey week was \$10.32 per hour, up \$0.18 from April and up \$0.32 from July 2009. Hired field workers were paid an average wage of \$9.95 per hour compared with \$9.67 last year. Hired livestock workers averaged \$9.39 per hour compared with \$9.33 last year.

The average number of hours worked during the survey week was 42.3 up 1.2 hours from last July.



UNITED STATES: There were 1,244,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 11-17, 2010, down 1 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 894,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 350,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.82 per hour during the July 2010 reference week, up 16 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.12 per hour, up 8 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$10.19 per hour compared with \$10.05 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.14 per hour, was up 10 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 41.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 3 percent from a year ago.

**FARM WAGE RATES BY TYPE OF WORKER,
REGIONS AND U.S., JULY 11-17, 2010 1/**

Region	Hired Workers			
	Type of Worker			
	Field	Lvstk	Fld & Lvstk Combined	All Hired Workers
	Dollars per hour			
Mntn I 2/	9.95	9.39	9.70	10.32
Mntn II 3/	9.61	8.99	9.40	10.05
No Plns 4/	11.74	11.20	11.50	11.80
U.S. 5/	10.12	10.19	10.14	10.82

1/Excludes Ag Service Workers

2/Idaho Montana, and Wyoming

3/Colorado, Nevada and Utah

4/ Kansas, Nebraska, North & South Dakota

5/Excludes Alaska

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WYOMING COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION 91 PERCENT OF JULY 2009

Commercial red meat production in **Wyoming** during July 2010 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was 91 percent of July 2009 but equal to last month's production. Commercial red meat production includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton but excludes animals slaughtered on farm.

Six hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in Wyoming during July, 100 head less than a year ago but steady with last month's cattle numbers. Total live weight was 718,000 pounds, down 8 percent from the previous July. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,123 pounds, down 28 pounds from July 2009.

A total of 300 **commercial hogs** were processed, down 100 head compared to July of last year and 100 head more than last month. Total live weight, at 88,000 pounds, was down 16 percent from July 2009. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 258 pounds, up 21 pounds from the previous year.

One hundred **sheep and lambs** were processed in July, unchanged from the same time last year, as well as last month. Total live weight came in at 21,000 pounds, up 3,000 pounds from a year ago. The average live weight, at 144 pounds, was equal to the same month in 2009.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.96 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 4.12 billion pounds produced in July 2009.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from July 2009. The average live weight was down 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,273 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.47 million head, down 7 percent from July 2009. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was down 8 percent from July 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 197,400 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 4 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2010 commercial red meat production was 27.8 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER JULY 2009 AND 2010, WYOMING and U.S.										
SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Live Weight			Number of Head		Total Live Weight		
	July 2009	July 2010	July 2009	July 2010	10/09	July 2009	July 2010	July 2009	July 2010	10/09
			1,000 Pounds		Percent			1,000 Pounds		Percent
Cattle	700	600	782	718	91.8	2,921,600	2,900,200	3,732,720	3,680,068	98.6
Hogs	400	300	105	88	83.8	9,148,300	8,469,200	2,444,787	2,275,363	93.1
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	18	21	116.7	207,300	197,400	27,937	25,751	92.2